



Learning from the past to protect the future.

**Alabama Department of Public Health
State Team Meeting Minutes
Montgomery, AL
April 16, 2015**

State Team Members Present:

Sue Ash Proxy-Commissioner Nancy Buckner-AL Dept Human Resources)
Scott Belton (Proxy-Director Michael Sparks-AL Dept Forensic Sciences)
Aretha Bracy (ADPH Staff) (Proxy-Representative Jim McClendon-Chair of House Health Committee)
Richard Burleson (ADPH Staff) (Proxy-Dr. Don Williamson-State Health Officer)
Christy Cain (Private Citizen)
Joseph Godfrey (Member of Clergy)
Marian Loftin (Private Citizen)
Chief Larry Muncy (Chief of Police)
J.R. Sample (Private Citizen)
Gina South (AL Network of Children's Advocacy Centers)
Jerry Williams (Private Citizen)
Bill Yates (Proxy-Dr. Gregory Davis)

Guests/Staff Present:

Folashadé Ayanwale (ADPH Staff)
Wendy Caraway (ADPH Staff)
Bob Hinds (ADPH Staff)
Kaye Julian (AL Department of Forensic Sciences)
Andrea Love (ADPH Staff)
Dr. Jim McVay (ADPH Staff)

Conference Call:

Captain Keith Jackson (Proxy-Colonel John Richardson)
William King, M.D.(Private Citizen)
Kathy Monroe, M.D.(Medical Association AL)
Melissa Peters, M.D.(Children's Hospital of AL)
Debra Williams, M.D.(AL Academy of Pediatrics)
Dale Wisely, Ph.D.(Private Citizen)
Ernest Wood, M.D.(Private Citizen)

Call to Order

On April 16th, at approximately 1:00 PM at the Alabama Industrial Development Training (AIDT) Center in Montgomery, Alabama, the Alabama Child Death Review System (ACDRS) State Team meeting was called to order by Aretha Bracy.

Welcome of Members and Guests

Ms. Aretha Bracy welcomed everyone and introductions were made by those in attendance.

Old Business

State Team Membership Update

Ms. Bracy reported that all state team member positions are filled. Present for the first meeting as new members were Chief Larry Muncy, recently appointed to represent the Chiefs of Police; Bill Yates replacing Johnny Long as proxy for Dr. Gregory Davis with the Jefferson County Coroner, Medical Examiner's Office; and Captain Keith Jackson replacing Sergeant Marc Boyd as proxy for Colonel John Richardson with the Department of Public Safety.

Approval of Minutes

With a quorum of members being present, the minutes for the January 22, 2015 meeting were approved as written.

ACDRS Annual Report

The Report for Completed 2010-2011 Data from the University of Alabama will be received very soon and will be mailed to all state team members, district attorneys, and local review coordinators.

Case Status Update

Ms. Bracy provided a brief history for new members regarding the local team review and reporting process. Local team performance for 2012 cases is currently 53% for online completion. Ms. Bracy anticipates an increased completion rate when additional completed cases are entered in the online system. The 2013 cases will be mailed to local coordinators and deadline for completion is April 1, 2016.

SADD Update

There were also SADD mini-conferences around the state to educate and equip teens with positive role-modeling behaviors, tobacco/substance abuse prevention, and safe driving education.

- March 6th, 2015
- March 7th, 2015
- March 9th, 2015
- March 10th, 2015
- March 11th, 2015

Teen Driver Safety Summits

Ms. Ayanwale reported that funding has been awarded again through StateFarm® for SADD and Teen Driving (4) events throughout the State. Ms. Ayanwale also discussed how she and staff from other agencies and corporations (Alabama Department of Transportation, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, Children's Hospital and Injury Free Kids) have utilized funds to coordinate #URKEYS2DRV. #URKEYS2DRV is a series of events sponsored by StateFarm® to educate and inform Alabama's teenagers about the dangers of distracted driving.

- March 4th, 2015 Tuscaloosa
- March 17th, 2015 Mobile
- April 22nd, 2015 Auburn
- September 30th 2015 (Huntsville, rescheduled due to weather)

CPS Clinics

Ms. Ayanwale discussed how the carseat clinics are “fully” functioning under the department. All purchasing and coordination of clinics are housed under ADPH. We currently have 5 sites for carseat clinics around the state.

New Business

Legislative Updates

Ms. Christy Cain provided legislative updates on legislation that could possibly impact the program. The 2015 GDL Legislation would increase the number of supervised hours from 30 to 50 passed in the House and is now in the Senate. The HB48 Legislation would create an office of child Ombudsman and this legislation is stimulating much needed conversation. The proposed General Fund Budget cuts to Children First Trust Fund would impact several children serving agencies. Ms. Cain encouraged state team members to contact their legislators and voice their concerns regarding the legislation and proposed budget cuts.

Tentative 2015 Meeting Dates

- **Thursday, July 16, 2015 (Conference Call)**
- **Thursday, October 15, 2015**

The proposed dates and meeting location would remain until further notice.

Open Discussion

- Mr. Jerry Williams reported on the recent presentation he had given at the Coroners' Conference. Mr. Williams emphasized the need for promotion of the GDL Law since many people still are not aware of this law. After a discussion of this issue, members agreed that a subcommittee of law enforcement, program staff, and others would meet to develop a plan to promote the GDL law.
- Mr. Burleson and Ms. Bracy were presenters at the International Symposium on Child Abuse in March.
- Mr. Burleson reported on and congratulated Dr. Dale Wisely for his Parent/Teen Driver Contract being added to the Driver License manual.
- Ms. Bracy will be attending the Southeast Coalition meeting in Nashville in June.

Executive Session (if necessary)

An executive session was not called during this meeting.

Adjourn

There being no further items on the agenda and no further discussion requested, without objection, the meeting was adjourned.